

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced on Friday, March 10, 2006, during the adjournment:** One resolution was submitted, as follows: S. Con. Res. 83. **Page S2027**

**Measures Introduced today:** Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2400–2407 and S. Res. 398–401. **Page S2027**

#### Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, March 10, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 83, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 and 2008 through 2011. **Page S2027**

#### Measures Passed:

**Greek Independence Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 399, designating March 25, 2006, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Pages S2048–49**

**Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 400, expressing the sense of the Senate on the constitutional reform process in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Page S2049**

**Belarus Presidential Elections:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, urging the Republic of Belarus to conduct planned presidential elections March 19, 2006, in a free, fair, and transparent manner and with respect for human rights. **Pages S2049–50**

**Veterans Outpatient Clinic:** Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1691, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the “John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2050**

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 83, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and including the appropriate

budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 and 2008 through 2011, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Gregg Amendment No. 3002, to make technical and conforming amendments. **Page S2000**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of certain amendments to be proposed to the resolution on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, with votes on the amendments to occur at approximately 3 p.m., with no second-degree amendments in order prior to the votes in relation to the amendments. **Page S2007**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, with 40 hours equally divided for debate. **Page S2050**

#### Pending:

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–43) **Page S2026**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 82 yeas (Vote No. EX. 37), Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

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Craig T. Ramey, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term of two years.

George Perdue, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 5, 2006.

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Sarah M. Singleton, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2008.

Jean B. Elshtain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010.

Allen C. Guelzo, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

Michell C. Clark, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education.

Anne-Imelda Radice, of Vermont, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Terrance P. Flynn, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2009.

Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

John Charles Richter, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Public Health Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Jonann E. Chiles, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2008.

J.C.A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring November 17, 2011.

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Routine lists in the Air Force.

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**Executive Communications:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2047**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2047**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—37) **Page S2020**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2050.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* On Friday, March 10, 2006, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities, after receiving testimony from Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, USA, Deputy Commander, United States Northern Command; and Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Bureau.

### JIEDDO

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) from General Montgomery C. Meigs, USA (Ret.), Director, and General Daniel B. Allyn, USA, Deputy Director, both of the JIEDDO.

### DEFECTIVE PRODUCT ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Friday, March 10, 2006, Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation to provide federal criminal penalties for the introduction of dangerously defective products into interstate commerce, after receiving testimony from former Michigan Governor John Engler, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Victor Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Barry Maron, Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Brian Panish, Panish, Shea, and Boyle, LLP, Los Angeles, California; Frank J. Vandall, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia; Rob Steinbuch, University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law; and Donald L. Mays, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

### NEW SUBCOMMITTEE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* On Tuesday, March 7, 2006, Committee announced the establishment of